

HOUSE RESOLUTION 53

By Weaver

A RESOLUTION to recognize Charlene Bass on the occasion of her retirement from the Smith County Election Commission.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Bass, the longtime administrator of elections for the Smith County Election Commission, is one such estimable person who has served her community with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bass will be taking a much deserved retirement after nearly fifty years of distinguished public service; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Smith County, Charlene Bass is a 1963 graduate of Smith County High School; and

WHEREAS, upon her graduation from high school, Ms. Bass began working as a deputy in the Smith County Election Commission office; and

WHEREAS, she served in that position until 1970, when she went to work for Farm Credit; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Ms. Bass returned to the Smith County Election Commission, attended the required education, and received certification to serve as the election commission's registrar-at-large, the position which is now known as the administrator of elections and the position from which she is retiring; and

WHEREAS, staffing for the election commission office is approved by the county election commission at the recommendation of local state legislators; and

WHEREAS, despite the change in political majority, the newly-seated election commission voted 3-2 in April of 2009 to retain Ms. Bass as the administrator of elections, the position which she has always endeavored to serve with acumen and alacrity; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to the ideals of civic involvement and public service, Charlene Bass exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to her community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ms. Bass has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and the good people of Smith County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Charlene Bass our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors, as we reflect fondly upon her exemplary legacy of public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.